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BUENOS AIRES PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MILI, PFOR, EFIN, NATO, GW

SUBJECT: NEW INITIATIVE ON BURDENSARING

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1. IN ABSENCE OF STATE SECRETARY FRANK AND POLITICAL

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DIRECTOR VAN WELL, DCM CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERMES TO EXPLAIN APPROACHES WE HAVE IN MIND WITH RESPECT TO INCREASED BURDEN- SHARING EFFORTS. HERMES, WHO HAD IN HIS COMPANY FIVE OTHER OFFICIALS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN NATO AND BOP PROBLEMS, ASKED SEVERAL EXPLORATORY QUESTIONS AND THEN MADE REMARKS IN PARA 2 WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE FRG REACTION. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US LATER PART OF NEXT WEEK WITH MORE DEFINITIVE VIEWS.

2. HERMES SAID FRG UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHIZED WITH ANY US BURDEN- SHARING INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD REDUCE CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES TO CUT US TROOP LEVELS IN EUROPE. AS SUCH, HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT FRG WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO OPPOSE BURDEN- SHARING EFFORT, ALTHOUGH HE POINTED OUT THAT MULTILATERALIZATION PROPOSALS CAN REACT TO FRG'S DISADVANTAGE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT A PREVIOUS MULTILATERAL OFFSET PROPOSAL IN EARLY 1960'S WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. HERMES BRIEFLY REVIEWED SITUATION IN SEVERAL NATO COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY NORWAY, DENMARK, BELGIUM, AND THE NETHERLANDS, AND DOUBTED THEY WOULD DO MUCH TO HELP ON BOP PROBLEMS, GIVEN FACT THAT US TROOPS WERE NOT STATIONED THERE. ALL OF THIS ADDED UP TO A DISTINCT LACK OF OPTIMISM ON HERMES' PART THAT OUR INITIATIVE IN DPC WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL. IN ADDITION, CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY HERMES' COLLEAGUES OVER COMPLICATIONS FOR OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS US INITIATIVE WOULD HAVE.  
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